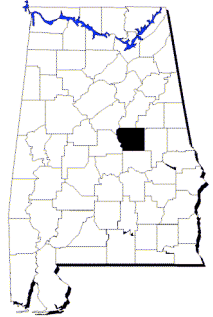


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Council Priorities

- 1. Participation in our Children's Policy Council will improve.**
- 2. All children are healthier**
- 3. The community is aware of available community resources**

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Availability of child care resources

Action Steps

- 1) Promote HIPPY.
- 2) Provide information concerning child care subsidies.

Parents will be better informed concerning resources

Action Steps

- 1) Revise, reprint and distribute resource directory.
- 2) Family festival

Children will have the necessary skills to succeed in school

Action Steps

- 1) Promote HIPPY.
- 2) Promote preschool programs.

Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Job skills will be improved

Action Steps

- 1) Awareness of center at CACC.
- 2) Promote scholarships.

Employment opportunities will increase

Action Steps

- 1) Invite participation by Chamber of Commerce.
- 2) Invite participation by Lake Martin Development Board.

Promote GED classes

Action Steps

- 1) Festival
- 2) Resource directory

Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Projected drop out rate will be lowered

Action Steps

- 1) Encourage expansion of after school, summer day camps, and preschool programs.
- 2) Increase career awareness.

Improve job skills

Action Steps

- 1) Promote the new facility at CACC invite presentation at Sept. CPC meeting.
2. Promote scholarships for post secondary education.

Health

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Teen pregnancy rates will be reduced

Action Steps

- 1) Contact Tallapoosa Co. concerning use of their video.
- 2) Contact Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy to see what resources are available.

Increase the number of insured children in Coosa County

Action Steps

- 1) Continue annual health care survey in schools.
- 2) Educate counselors concerning healthcare resources.

The community will be better informed concerning health care resources

Action Steps

- 1) Revise, reprint, and distribute community resource guide.
- 2) Develop speaker's bureau.

Parent Involvement Skills

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Parents will encourage health behavior

Action Steps

- 1) Provide a speaker at festival.
- 2) Develop speaker's bureau.

Parenting skills will be improved

Action Steps

- 1) Investigate the use of the Parent Project.
- 2) Speakers at Dec. CPC meeting on Parent Project.

Improve communication

Action Steps

- 1) Promote CCBOE website and usage of STI home.
- 2) Encourage revival of newsletter.

Safety

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

Child abuse will be accurately reported

Action Steps

- 1) Provide public awareness concerning what and how to report.
- 2) Participate in child abuse prevention month.

Students will feel safe at school

Action Steps

- 1) Continue to support our SRO.
- 2) Continue to promote Second Step in our schools.

Community will be better informed concerning drug use and prevention in Coosa

Action Steps

- 1) Develop speaker's bureau family festival.

Policy Recommendations

- Fully fund childcare subsidies.
- Improve the way rural schools are funded.
- Improve access to mental health services.
- Fully fund CHIP.

Accomplishments

- The Coosa County Partnership for Youth Grant was received by the Coosa County School System.